

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

**Please amend the specification as follows:**

**Please delete paragraph 27 and replace it with the following paragraph:**

Details of the mounting bracket 14 are evident in Figs. 4-8. The mounting bracket 14 is an elongated plate having a central, relatively flat body or base portion 36. Mounting holes 38 are formed in the body portion. These holes 38 are located on the same template as the standard holes in the toilet bowl rim 22 so that holes 38 will line up with the holes in the bowl. Bolts 30 (Fig. 2) extend through these holes 38 and are retained by nuts 40 to fasten the mounting bracket 14 to the toilet bowl 20. The mounting bracket further includes end portions 42, 44 which join the base portion 36. The length of the base portion 34 36 is such that the end portions 42, 44 are located beyond the outer perimeter of the toilet bowl when the mounting bracket is installed on a toilet bowl. This is important for providing a solid foundation for the attachment elements which will now be described.

**Please delete paragraph 29 and replace it with the following paragraph:**

Details of the latch 50 are shown in Figs. 9-11. The latch includes a base plate 64 and an upstanding pawl 66. The front edge of the pawl is beveled as at 68. A central ledge 70 is formed on the base plate and bolt holes 72 are formed in the plate behind the ledge. There are depressions 74 on the underside of the plate 64. An elastomeric spacer 76 has holes 78 therein aligned with the holes 72 and 58 for receiving the bolts 60. The spacer 76 provides a cushion between the latch 50 and the end portions 42, 44 to allow for some flexure of the latch during insertion and removal of the seating ring's attachment elements. It can be seen that the jaw and

latch extend from the mounting bracket's end portions in facing, spaced relation to one another that defines a receiving socket ~~78~~ 79 (Figs. 3 and 4) between them.

**Please delete paragraph 33 and replace it with the following paragraph:**

The flanges 90, 92 have a thickness that allows sufficient reinforcing ribs (not shown) on their underside so that the flanges can be weight bearing, i.e., a user can put his or her hands on the flanges to assist in lowering themselves or in standing up. Preferably the user will put his or her weight on a pair of arm rests, shown in Fig. 1 at 110. The arm rests have upright legs 112 with pegs of reduced diameter at the bottom of the legs. The tops of the legs are joined by a handle or grip portion 114. The pegs can be mounted in receptacles 116 (Fig. 5) that are formed in the flanges 90, 92. A user can put his or her hands on the handle grip portion 114 to push up from the seat, or to lower themselves onto the seat.